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RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

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Announce Results Camera Club Contests

Approximately 50 Ottawa camera enthusiasts last night attended the Ottawa Camera Club's monthly meeting and competition, held in St. James church hall. These meetings are held monthly through the Winter; last night's was the first dinner meeting that has been held in recent years.

After the dinner, Dr. C. H. Weaver, president of the club, congratulated the members on the excellence of the prints they had submitted. The prints were judged by secret ballot among the membership. In case of a tie, a decision was made by P. H. Green, of Saskatoon. Results were: Class A (advanced), 1, untitled print, Miss Irene Spencer; 2, "Chiquita, A. J. Hardy; 3, untitled print, W. Lingard. Class B, 1, Day of Rest, Elizabeth Amey; 2, untitled print, A. A. Rivard; 3, Laugh and Grow Fat, B. J. Munro.

The contest was organized by B. J. Munro, chairman of the print committee.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a detailed critiqem of the contest prints in which all the membership took part. A number of motion-pictures were shown by William Lingard.

To Open Headquarters Of Anglican Schools

An interesting event of the week is the official opening of the Headquarters of the Anglican educational work among Indians and Eskimos. For the past 20 years a commission of the Anglican Church has been located in Winnipeg, but this has now been moved east and the office removed to Ottawa under the form of "The Indian School Administration, MSCC." The work is now under the direction of Canon H. A. Alderwood, as superintendent, assisted in the business management by J. C. H. Forward.

The offices are located on the second floor of the Bank Street Chambers, 102 Bank street, and will be open for inspection on Thursday between four and 5.30 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. the formal opening and dedication will be conducted by Bishop Jefferson, and it is hoped that an official welcome will be given by R. A. Hoey, Director of the Indian Affairs Branch. Pictures of the 21 schools and hospitals administered will be shown, and there will be a display of native handicrafts.

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POWS from Canada Arrive in Britain

LIVERPOOL, England, Dec. 2.—(CP)—More than 2,000 German prisoners of war from Canada who are to work on the land and on bomb-damage clearance in Britain arrived tonight from Halifax on the liner Samaria. The ship was delayed six hours by week-end gales.

Herman Bonneau Bank Manager Retires

After many years of service as manager of the Rideau street branch of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Herman Bonneau announced his retirement on Monday. Mr. Bonneau is succeeded by J. Rene Boldoc, who has been a member of the staff since 1924, and assistant manager since 1944. Mr. Boldoc served as manager of the Montebello branch for three years, and assistant manager for the Outremont, Que., branch and the Montreal West branch for several years.

Ontario Civil Servants Discuss Five-Day Week

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—(CP)—Annual meeting of the Ontario Civil Service Association last night referred to the executive for study the question of a five-day week for Ontario civil servants employed in Toronto, and a 40-hour week for those outside the city.

Civil servants in Toronto now work 5½ days a week and to make up for the half day which would be lost W. F. Douglas suggested the regular day be extended and lunch hour shortened.

In disposition of supplementary Dr. C. M. Jephcott, president of the association, said it would be necessary to have the rules changed to make the retiring age for women 60 instead of 70, and 55 for those with 35 years of service.

The meeting voted $500 towards the cost of a central office to operate towards establishment of a national federation of provincial civil servants. Secretary V. R. Metcalf told the meeting that a conference between the various associations of civil servants in Toronto recently agreed to strive for total abolition of patronage in the Civil Service.

Civilians Have Right To Make Arrests Says RCMP Officer

"Few civilians realize they have the legal right to make an arrest," Sgt. Benny Cooper, RCMP, of Ottawa, speaking at Optimist Club last night in an address which stressed the preventive aspects of a policeman's duties.

Speaking to a dinner meeting at the Chateau Laurier, Sgt. Cooper said, "Most people do not understand a policeman's duties or their own rights. Probably very few of you realize that you have a power of arrest, only slightly less than that of a policeman."

Elaborating on this remark later, he explained that any civilian could make an arrest if he discovered a man breaking a law at night or, under certain circumstances, during the day.

"Even if the malefactor didn't admit your right, he could later be charged with resisting arrest or with escaping from legal custody. It would be up to the judge."

Sgt. Cooper told the club of an educational program, undertaken by the RCMP about a year ago as an effort to give children a new and healthier attitude towards peace officers.

He deplored the custom of many mothers of forcing good behavior on their children with the threat, "If you're not a good boy, the policeman will put you in jail".

"This attitude breeds dislike and fear in the child and he will express his dislike by trying to annoy the policeman. Naturally this leads to breaking the law and thus to juvenile delinquency."

The objective of the educational program, which consists of a series of addresses given on request to school children, was twofold: to explain to youth the true function of the policeman and to build up a better and firmer sense of citizenship.

Sgt. Cooper was introduced by past president Warren Whitmarsh who was congratulated by the club on his record, completing 25 years of perfect attendance, and the vote of thanks was moved by Russell Patrick.

Mr. Whitmarsh also presided at the initiation of a new member, Stuart R. MacQuarrie, Chairman of the meeting was Rex McCrea, president.

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RADIO IN REVIEW—

Sam Spade's 'Kandy Tooth'

By JOHN CROSBY.

THE curtain had just risen on the Sam Spade program (CBS 8 p.m. Sundays) when Mr. Spade's secretary, on the phone call from the boss, who it appears, was in jail charged with murder.

"Bring a pencil and $20,000 down to the jail at once", he commanded.

"Sam", she protested, "where will I find a pencil at this hour? What are you doing in jail, anyway?"

"My apartment's being redecorated, poor."

Sam is in the sort of bedlam you and I would enjoy in a fairly serious situation but it's hardly surprising to find Mr. Spade behaving that way. Dashiell Hammett, who still writes the Spade series, started this offbeat sort of talk back in 1934 when he hit the big time with "The Thin Man". He is now the most widely imitated detective story writer on earth and the casual attitude toward homicide has become established as good manners among all the detectives.

Mr. Hammett has always taken a detached and rather cold view of human life. His great detective stories, "The Thin Man", "The Maltese Falcon" and "The Glass Key", rang with authenticity because of it. Now, however, the imitators have so crowded the field that Mr. Hammett is beginning to sound like one of them. The great virtue of the Sam Spade series is that it is still written by the old master, and once in a while, even sounds like it.

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The effectiveness of his dialogue (and the above is a rather bad sample) is heightened by his trick of pitting against one another a widely divergent crew of characters. Besides Mr. Spade, who can still break a man's thumb without effort or remorse, Mr. Hammett recently resuscitated Casper Gutman, Mr. Gutman, you will recall, was the elegant and unscrupulous hunk of blubber who chased the Maltese Falcon half way around the world in 1931. At the end of that book, he was dumped into San Francisco Bay and we were all under the impression that he didn't survive the experience. Well, he did and he's back, still talking his curious nineteenth century prose. ("And now, sir, if you are so disposed, shall we talk?")

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Wilmer, the baby-faced murderer, was not revived for the occasion, but Gutman has brought along his brother, an equally furious youngster. There is also a strange young man who says at first he is Mr. Spade: "As my hotel, there is a mildewed chair, actor who resembles me of article without charm."

Says Mr. Spade in return: "You better get out of California before Walt Disney sees you", a decidedly arresting remark to hear on the air.

These odd people were all taken from life, surprising as that may seem. Mr. Hammett in his days as a* private detective with the Pinkerton agency mixed with a lot of people whom you and I are not likely to encounter in a lifetime. In his books, they had great individual flavor. You never quite knew what they were going to do next. But now, however, they've been re-used as often as a paper clip and are getting a little bent and rusty.

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Just the same, if you like detective stories of the hard-boiled school, Sam Spade is your best bet. The dialogue is amusing and is still interested in business. The Maltese Falcon has disappeared forever, I guess, but the time Gutman and crew are after the Kandy Tooth, which* is right out of Buddha's mouth and is presumably even more valuable than the Falcon. When I last listened, they were still looking.

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News Briefs

Pay Veteran's Mortgage.

BUTLER, NJ, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The people of this community dipped into their pockets and contributed $4,302 to pay the mortgage on the home of Pfc. Herman Squitieri. Butler's most seriously wounded veteran of World War II, suffering from mortar shell wounds, doctors fear amputation of both Squitieri's feet may be necessary. He is married and has one child.

Fear Actor Fiend Casualty.

WRAYSBURY, England, Dec. 3 —(AP)—George S. Melvin, 66, British variety actor, was feared a casualty today while rising filedwaters made the Thames a mile-wide lake 30 miles upstream from London. The Scottish-born actor, who has been on the stage since he was five years old, left his Riverside home Sunday night, telling his wife he was going to see if their cellar was threatened. He had an electric flashlight were found yesterday.

Grim Ride.

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Alone on the range, Jack Crawford, 55, suffered a broken knee when a horse kicked him. For hours he lay unable to move, then slowly painfully crawled some distance to a deserted cabin where he lay without food for two days, awaiting help. Finally, with agonizing effort, he caught and saddled a horse and rode 12 miles to Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton.

On Turkish Frontier.

ATHENS, Dec. 3.—(AP)—A reliable source said today that Bulgarian military equipment termed "disproportionate" to needs had been concentrated along the Greek-Bulgarian border near the Turkish frontier.

Russian-Danish Pact.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Tass reported today from Moscow that the president of the USSR Supreme Soviet ratified a treaty on trade and shipping between Russia and Denmark.

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